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Attn: Mr. [REDACTED]

Budget Officer

1. In response to your memorandum dated 3 December 1948, we regret to advise that no part of your claim in the amount of \$124.00, previously disallowed, may be honored from appropriated funds, for the reason that the maximum per diem allowable for travel abroad at the [REDACTED] location was [REDACTED] the regular rate for foreign travel (see paragraph 45 of Bureau of the Budget Circular A-7 dated 7 August 1947).

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2. As you are aware, prior to your departure from Washington, D. C., for the mission abroad a concerted effort was made to have the Bureau of the Budget classify the [REDACTED] post for per diem purposes. The request was specifically made that the [REDACTED] location be classified effective 1 January 1948 or as soon thereafter as possible and a continuous follow-up was made until an increase was provided effective 21 April 1948 from [REDACTED] (see Budget Circular 1947-48:19 dated 28 April 1948). This change in the per diem rate required the approval of the President and consequently could not be made retroactive by the Bureau of the Budget or other authority. The post remained classified at the [REDACTED] dollar rate until the beginning of the 1949 fiscal year (1 July 1948), at which time Budget Circular A-7 was revised by a release dated 6 July 1948, providing for a [REDACTED] maximum for the [REDACTED]. The maximum per diem was allowed throughout your period of temporary duty in [REDACTED] for the reason that it had been administratively determined that the maximum per diem was necessary.

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3. In the course of examining your travel accounts for determining if any portion of the \$124.00 could be allowed, it was discovered that \$600 advance was made under the Subsistence Expense Act of 1926 prior to your departure. This advance has been liquidated with the exception of \$97.30 which amount is required by law to be returned immediately upon completion of the travel. Inasmuch as you are not in a travel status at this time your remittance in the amount of \$97.30, made payable to the Treasurer of the United States, should be forwarded to this office immediately for appropriate disposition.

E. R. SAUNDERS

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